Future of Game Depends on Youth of Land, Says Star Infielder.

PLAYER WITH "HEAD" SOUGHT BY MANAGERS

Pittsburgh Club Best Fortified in Scouting Line, with Murray, Fraser and Earl.

By JOHNNY EVERS. Captain of the Boston Braves.

It strikes me that there is a phase of baseball few have ever stopped to con-sider. When watching the stars of the game perform, when studying the hox scores, when reading of the millions of persons who annually pay tribute to the national game, do you ever stop to consider upon whom baseball depends for its popularity for its very exist-

where a ball may be batted and caught, yes, even in the streets of our big cities. I refer to the youth of this country, It i the backbone of baseball. Suppose even though the spotition test the limits of your imagination

record books.

Of course, I don't believe that such a thing will ever happen, but the condition that I have asked you to imagine serves to illustrate a point I want to bring out the importance of the youth of this country to, and its immediate connection with, basebail.

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Every boy at some time or other has tried to play baseball. That is the reason he lecomes a fan. He understands the game. He feels that he is a part of it, and the person who feels that way is the one who derives the greatest enjoyment from sitting in the stands and watching others play it. It is like everything else. One has to understand the same to be interested. lerstand the game to be interested



One Goal Margin.

Hahmans Wins First

Three-Cushion Tilt Chicago, March 13.—John Hahmans, Minneapolis, defeated Jess Lean, Chi-cago, 50 to 37, in the first of to-day's contests in the world's championship three-cushion billiard tournament. The contest went seventy-six inpings. Hahcontest went seventy-six innings. Hah-mans's high run was 5, and Lean's 3.



Pose at Bat Doesn't Count with Ty Cobb and Wagner

Johnny Evers doesn't believe a manager gains anything by endeavoring to regulate the batting position of a player. He contrasts the poses at the plate of Wagner and Cobb and points out that, despite their widely varied styles, both are top-notch hitters.

"Style at bat is something that is more or less natural," says Johnny "Hans Wagner gives the pitcher plenty of room when at bat. Wagner stands far away from the plate. Cobb crowds the plate. Yet both are fine hitters. Other batters grip their bats near the end, while still others grab theirs some distance from the end. A manager seldom tries to regulate a

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LAFAYETTE ELEVEN WINS SUPERBAS GIVE NAP RUCKER A

Kelley Bombards Park with Grapefruit from Aeroplane Hits Robbie.

ARMY 3. Daytona, Fla., March 13.—Nap Rucker, the famous southpaw of the Brooklyn Superbas, arrived in camp from Hot Springs this afternoom. Nap said that he was in good condition, only four pounds over weight, and that his arm and shoulder had not troubled him all winter. He went on further to declare that he was morally certain that he would get back into his old swing again and be of material assistance in aiding the team in the fight for the pennant. The players welcomed the big Georgian back to the fold, and all practice was suspended until all hands had shaken bands with him.

Charles H. Ebbets was among the first to welcome his returning star. In f. et, the genial squire of Flatbush ran half way across the field with his right hand xtended and expressed his well wishes.

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Rucker has been taking the baths at Hot Springs and said that they had done wonders for him. He has been working his arm lightly and it stood up well under the slight strain. "Of course, I can't tell definitely just what will develop when I cut loose with it," he said, "but I think it will be all right. Needless to say, I hope it will be, for I do want to work on a pennant winning team in the major leagues before I lay saide the old glove for

Rain prevented the game between the Birmingham club, of the Southern Association, and the Superbas, at Eb-bets' Field, but it did not prevent Wilbert Robinson from ordering his men out on the lots for two strenuous

Closes Season With Victory Over Rensselaer Team.

WARM WELCOME

Big Southpaw Says He Is in Fine Trim and Ready for Winning Year.

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Over Rensselaer Team.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

Schenectady, N. Y., March 13.—
Union College closed the most successful basketball season in its history tonight when it defeated Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute by a score of 35 to 16. Out of thirteen games played this year Union has lost one, that to Cornell. Among the teams defeated were Princeton and West Point. The five also won the championship of the Northeastern College League.

The game to-night was rough and was devoid of features. Twenty-two fouls were called on Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and fourteen on Union. Woods and Parrott were put out of the game for committing four

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At the Fairmont A. C., Eddie Campi, of California, easily outpointed "Bat-tling" Lann in ten rounds, and Milton Bleier outpointed Willie Brown in ten

OFFICER FENCERS VICTORS Defeat Yale Team by a Point in Exciting Match.

West Point, N. Y., March 13.—The follows:
Officers' Fencing Club won from the Yale University team here to-day in a commerce close and a citing foil competition by a score of 5 to 4.

SCORES AT TRAPS

T. Lenane, Jr., Only Double Winner in Big Field at New

UNION FIVE AGAIN WINS Yankees Have Friend in the Weather Man

BROOKLYN POLO FOUR WIN No Skiing or Sledding In. Outplay West Point Team terrupts Their Work in Southland. Throughout Match.

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UNION ATHLETES

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West Point, N. Y., March 13.—Playing a fas: a aggrossive game, the riders of the Brooklyn Polo Club swamped the Cadets at indoor polo today by a score of 12½ goals to 3.

The visitors clearly outplayed the West Point team at ever, stage and had a rather easy time of it after the third period. In the fourth period the Brooklyn men got going and folled brooklyn men got going and folled brooklyn men got going and folled up enough to win and to spare, East starring in some pretty combinations. The visitors' team work was wellnigh perfect throughout. They were mounted on army ponies, but were seemingly at home.

By GRANTLAND RICE.

Savannah, Ga., March 13.—If it is the carly bird that snaga the works. A TY COBB DASH Races Home from Second 3-54

Savannah, Ga., March 13.—If it is the early bird that snags the worm, the Yanks should collect the bait, for we

been practising on skils and snowle or floundering around in the sticky to the Yanks have drawn two great week

missed only one day outdoors, for the rest of the time has been warm as sunny. So, even if the weather shou hand stended and expressed his well wishes.

"How is the old soup bone, Nap?" he asked as he shook hands.

"Wait and see, Mr. Ebbets; wait and see," answered Nap.

"Well, if you are right, Nap, we will divide the world's series money this season to a moral certainty," continued Mr. 'bbets. "There is no team better off in any department except the pitchers' box than we are, and with you back at your best we'll beat the world."

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ten victories and one defeat, and indications are that the deadlock will not be broken.

Last year Clinton and Bryant played for the title without the sanction of the school body, following the trouble between Bryant and Boys' High, which were unable to settle the Queens-Brooklyn championship. This action caused the high schools games committee to disapprove a championship tournament this season.

Commerce has challenged its rival to a game for the title, but Stuyvesant adherents believe that its action will prove to be for the best, and probably bring back the trophy for championship competition next year.

The only defeat charged to Commerce was inflicted by Stuyvesant, while the latter's setback came about in the play-off of its protested game with Bushwick. Clinton and Boys' High are in a tie for third place, with nine victories and two defeats.

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Mr. High has not understudied Tyre Raymond Cobb for nothing. Tyrus worked that same trick sgains the Mackmen twice in one series, and Mr. High saw no reason why the understudy shouldn't copy the star even in intricate detail. If Hughey will continue duplicating the Cobb stuff up to a batting average of 380, Donora will send one of his young pitchen

Keen Contests in All
Events at Inter-Settlement Indoor Games.

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